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"Getting Better Prepared"

This article is designed to get you thinking about prepping for an emergency.

Ham radio seems like it would be the perfect accessory for any "prepper". Now that many club members are getting go-kits all set up, it is time to get fully prepared. One of the main aspects of ham radio is emergency communications. This factor makes ham radio and prepping go hand in hand. However, I have watched many of the new prepping shows on T.V. and have been surprised not to find a single episode that mentions ham radio, much less any type of communications. If I missed any, let me know.

So I wonder, how preppers are planning to keep informed about what is happening around their area and around the world. Ham radio would be a great asset and a vital portal to the world for these folks.

I keep thinking that we Ham Ops need to reach out to these "preppers" and remind them what ham radio has to offer. It seems as though they have most aspects of survival well planned except for emergency communications. I believe a go-kit that I have seen a few club members use would be a perfect addition to complete any "preppers" collection. Some of the these "preppers" have elaborate back up power supply systems, mostly solar or wind operated. One I saw that even had a water wheel on his property. I imagine they could power a full ham station almost indefinitely. I just wonder why none of them seem to realize the power of ham radio and what an asset it really is.

This brings me to ask: How many of our club members are "preppers" or have thought about becoming one? Have you ever thought about getting a few extra supplies? It is not as though you have to go to the extreme and build a nuclear bomb shelter, but just have a few months supply of food and water. Oh, and of course, a game plan would be wise in the event that it is needed.

Here is what I believe you and your family may need. I am not going to break it down to specific items. In addition to a way to communicate, I would try and have a 3 months supply of food, water, power, and, of course, a way to protect yourself, your family and your supply cache. Other opinions may vary drastically. The best part is you can start preparing today. I guess in this case you can't say: "It's never too late to start"!

So, even if you are not a "prepper", if you are a ham, chances are you may be better prepared than some ordinary "preppers". Plus, remember that we live in an area that frequently has foul weather including threats of disastrous hurricanes. Ham radio ops are in the forefront of being prepared. Even if we don't have a huge cache of supplies the chances are that we can find out where supplies are and how to access them.

Good luck prepping.

Jess Gillion KF5LUL
AARA Vice President

October AARA General Meeting

The AARA October General Meeting will be on October 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, Louisiana.

VE Testing at 6:00 PM

President's Message

This Fall season your radio club is gearing up with lots of activity. Thanks are due to Charlie Morrison N5WE, Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Pat Soileau ND5C, Roy Keller NG5X, Keith Hendricks K5UFO, Fred Marshall W5MLE, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, and Nick Romero KE5MWX, for either serving on the committee or helping with the implementation of new hardware for the W5EXI 147.04 repeater. This is a significant investment by our club to improve 2 meter communications in our area.

On September 28-29, local amateur radio operators presented a "Tabasco Pepper Sauce Special Event", under the leadership of Glenn Thibodeaux, using the K5DR call sign.

October will be busy with: the Tour de Teche Canoe Race the weekend of Oct 4-6 with Ham participation led by Sandy KE5KJF and Larry KE5KJD Leblanc; the Simulated Emergency Test the morning of Oct 12 led by Herman Campbell KN5GRK; and the Jamboree-on-the-Air the weekend of Oct 19-20. Information about this last event will be provided by Special guest Bob Norwillo, Program Director of the Evangeline Area Council, who will fill us in on local Boy Scout details at our regular meeting October 3. The Jamboree-on-the-Air coincides with Cub Scout Adventure at the Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp near Chicot State Park. I believe Mr. Norwillo will be encouraging us to have radio operations at this Camp. Also I have been in contact with Pam Rayburn about teaching the Radio Merit Badge at the Boy Scout Winter Camp at the same location November 23-26. I am planning to have some kind of SDR-type radio experience available to the Scouts as a demonstration. I will be looking for some ideas and a few helpers for the Scout related events.

Archie Hill - W5AG
AARA President

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, October 3rd @ 7:00 PM
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
 Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

CLARC Hamfest
Pineville, LA - October 19, 2013

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
 145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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SEPTEMBER 2013 AARA MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2013**CLUB MEETING:**

- The AARA President, Archie Hill W5AG opened the meeting. Herman KN5GRK led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 19 members and 3 visitors in attendance.
- Alfred Degeyter KF5THS upgraded to General, Trinity Bays passed Technician, Josef Hope passed his Technician, Michael Moss passed all three to Amateur Extra.
- Archie Hill W5AG asked members to share their recent contacts. It was a lively discussion enjoyed by all.

Minutes: The August minutes were not read as they were posted in the September LARC. On motion by Mark Saltzman W5GTI, seconded by Herman Campbell KN5GRK the minutes were accepted as published.

Budget: Joy Breaux N5YCS gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Jess Gillion KF5LUL, seconded by Galen Wilson KF5BET, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Old Business: Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP gave the Controller-Repeater report for Jess Gillion KF5LUL who was not able to attend. Members of the committee were Jess Gillion KF5LUL, (Chairman), Keith Hendricks K5UFO, Fred Marshall W5MLE, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Nick Romero KE5MWX, and Charlie Morrison N5WE. Glen reported that the controller has been received. The Vertex Repeater is ordered and expected to arrive next week.

It was recommended that the Repeater Committee call Mr. Fontenot and ask what he suggests that we use for lightning protection.

Sandy LeBlanc reported on the Tour du Teche Canoe Race on October 4-6, 2013. Kari Kuntz NU3I and Josef Hope volunteered to take the New Iberia City Park Check Point on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Sandy thanked all volunteers.

Jess Gillion KF5LUL mentioned that we are all set for the Cajun Cup communications. The Cajun Cup race will be on November 9, 2013.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP spoke about the Geaux Kit Day in Avery Island at the Tobasco Plant on September 28-29, 2013. He mentioned that all was ready to go. He will communicate with those interested by email.

There being no other business, on motion by Phoebe Gaudet KC5VRN seconded by Mark Saltzman W5GTI the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
 Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
 AARA Secretary 2013

September VE Test Results

The results of the September 5th VE Test Session were:

Alfred Degeyter (AJ) KF5THS of Parks, Louisiana upgraded to General Class License.

Josef Hope KF5YFC of New Iberia, Louisiana passed his Technician Class License.

Trinity Bays KF5YFD of Westlake, Louisiana passed Technician Class License.

Michael Moss AF5ME of Westlake, Louisiana went from "zero" to Extra Class License.

VE's Present: Greg K5LFT, Galen KF5BET, Tom W5OHJ and Kari Kuntz NU3I.

Amateur Radio Club of Central Louisiana Hamfest



Date: October 19, 2013
Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Place: Pineville Community Center
 708 Main St.
 Pineville, Louisiana

Vendors: Regal-Brown, Hub City, & Palmetto Antenna

Main Prizes:
 1st - Icom IC-7000 HF-VHF-UHF all mode transceiver
 2nd - Icom V-8000 VHF Mobile
 3rd - Icom IC-V80 Sport VHF HT
 4th - Canned Ham

Special Drawing:
 \$300 Cash Prize - Separate tickets.

Tickets for prizes and the cash prize are still now available.

For tickets contact:

Scott Wren, KD5DFL
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Website:
<http://www.clarc.us/>

Grant Patton W5GPJ 1915 - 2012 (Silent Key)

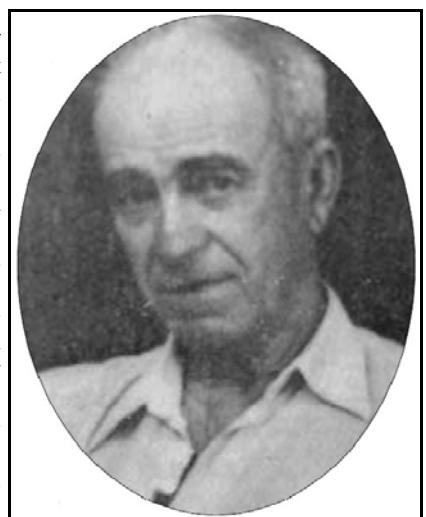
by Deborah Price - N5FMI

Grant Patton was known locally and fondly as "the grandfather of radio." Pat began his radio career at the age of 12 using a spark rig on a United Fruit boat running from Columbia to New Orleans in 1927. Since then, he has done things that the average person would never dream of doing. He has traveled the world, on personal business, as well as professionally as an industrial electronics technician, and as part of his service in the US Naval Air Force. He worked for many years with his father in Central and South America drilling water wells, then worked the oil fields of Oklahoma. He was a pilot, a radio technician, and a mechanic. During wartime, he was in Iceland, Greenland, Africa, Europe, and many other parts of the world.

We acknowledge and are thankful for his service during World War II. Pat was in the Naval Reserve and volunteered for service in the US Naval Air Force from 1940 - 1945. During his service he flew PBYs out of Iceland as part of an anti-submarine bomber squad patrolling the North Atlantic. His squadron was part of the D-Day attack force - flying from their base in Iceland to England and from there flying cover for the landing of our forces in the North African campaign and General Patton's landing at Casablanca, French Morocco.

After the war he opened a radio repair shop in Berwick (LA) and had a thriving commercial business. Pat collected radio equipment and parts over his lifetime and was well-known as the man who could piece together obsolete parts and create a working radio. He was an amateur "ham" radio operator for 80 years! He will be missed by all who knew him, and especially by his fellow ham radio operators.

Submitted by:
 BEARS - Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service
 W5BMC - Morgan City, LA
(Reprinted from QRZ.com)



Grant Patton W5GPJ - (Silent Key)

147.040 W5EXI Repeater Update

By Charlie Morrison N5WE

The 147.04 repeater is back up and on the air. The Vertex VXR-7000 and Arcom RC210 controller has been installed and tuned. We're currently not running a PL tone, but we are transmitting one on the output for those who want to use Tone Squelch. We'll be making further changes as time goes on, but the repeater is up and fully functional.

I've managed to take it as far east along Hwy 190 to Lottie, just on the other side of the 4 mile bridge heading towards Livonia. I've also had decent reports past Jefferson Terrace Blvd exit on Hwy 90 south, and into New Iberia. Feel free to use this repeater for any purposes, and let me know if you head out away from town, how far you can manage to use it. I'm hoping for coverage far enough West to carry over to a Lake Charles repeater, but we'll see.

Thanks to Glenn KF5FNP, Pat ND5C, and Roy NG5X helping me out getting this project completed.

(Photo is courtesy of ND5C)



TOUR DU TECHE IV CANOE RACE October 4 - 6, 2013



The Tour du Teche Canoe Race is 135 mile race from Port Barre, LA, to Berwick, LA. The race has introduced paddlers and eco-tourists to the recreational, cultural and economic value of the bayou for local residents. The three day race has turned into a paddling marathon as well as a 3 day party for towns along the route, as well as families along the route cheering for the paddlers.

For more detailed information of the event date, times and maps, go to the *Tour du Teche* website at:

<http://www.tourduteche.com/>

Again, members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) have been asked to participate in helping provide communications along the route. We have been commended for the service we have done in the past by reporting into the Command Post in Breaux Bridge, LA on the positions of canoes as they pass the check points along the way and reporting any problems that might arise.

The race kicks off on the first day at 7:00 AM on Friday October 4, 2013 in Port Barre.

TOUR du TECHE - VOYAGER RACE

First Day - Friday October 4 - Start Time 7:00 AM

Port Barre to Breaux Bridge - 34 miles

Breaux Bridge to St. Martinville - 14 miles

Second Day - Saturday October 5 - Start Time 7:00 AM

St. Martinville to Franklin - 60 miles

Third Day - Sunday October 6 - Start Time 7:00 AM

Franklin to Berwick - 25 miles

The Command Center (Crawfish Hole) location will be in Breaux Bridge at the Information Center on Bridge St. next to the bridge. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Andre LeBlanc KF5LGN, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, Nick Romero KE5MWX, Paula Romero KF5CNS and Tom Dischler W5OHJ will man the Crawfish Hole.

The following people will be manning the Check Points: Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, Archie Hill W5AG, Dave Redfearn N4ELM, Kari Kuntz NU3I, Josef Hope, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Kendra Wilson KF5FYS, Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, JoAnn Pugh KE5RPL, and Rudy WA5QNH in Berwick.

Mike Ancona KE5COV, Herman Campbell KN5GRK and Nick Pugh K5QXJ will be in charge of repeaters and EchoLink.

Larry & Nick will answer questions about the frequencies for repeaters.

Lafayette AARA Repeater – W5DDL 146.820 pl 103.5 (Node: 370324)

Franklin/Baldwin Repeater – KE5COV – 147.120 pl 103.5 (Node: 387017)

New Iberia/Lydia Repeater (if needed) – K5BLV 145.410 no pl

New Iberia Repeater (if needed) – K5ARA 146.680 pl 103.5

Final results from Berwick will be by EchoLink to the Morgan City Repeater W5BMC-R, 146.910 no pl - (Node: 507010)

Article by: Larry Leblanc KE5KJD & Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF



Patrick Castille KF5IBT
KE5SA

THANKS

The operators and workers that were involved in the Tabasco Special Event over the weekend would like to express our **THANKS** to the McIlhenny Company for allowing us to put on this memorial event celebrating 145 years of the Tabasco Pepper Sauce.

A **SPECIAL THANKS** go to Patrick Castille KF5IBT of the McIlhenny Company for making all the arrangements in getting permission to set up on the company grounds. Also **THANKS** to Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP for rounding up operators and setting up equipment.

Everybody involved did a great job. More to information to come in later issues of the LARC.



SEPTEMBER 2013 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	44	3	85	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	62	Ø	120	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	26	Ø	63	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	3	22	Ø	50	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	3	28	Ø	55	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

Socrates

Pictures of Tabasco Special Event - September 28-29

James KF5RBW & Nick KE5MWX



Patrick KF5IBT



Paul AE5JU



Glen KF5FNP & Collins Radio



David N4ELM



Tom W5OHJ

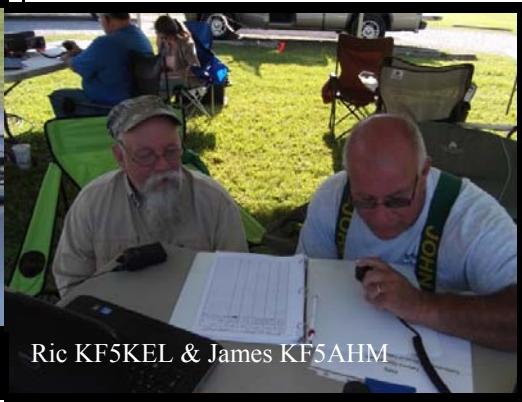


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**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

10/01	CHERYL	KE5IBM
10/04	GREG	K5LFT
10/05	TOM	W5OHJ
10/10	HERMAN	KN5GRK
10/17	KENDRA	KF5FYS
10/18	DEREK	KF5VZW
10/18	BILL	KF5ZVW
10/27	KE5KJD	KE5KJD
11/01	JOANN	KE5RPL
11/03	PAUL	K5VSH

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



Ric KF5KEL & James KF5AHM

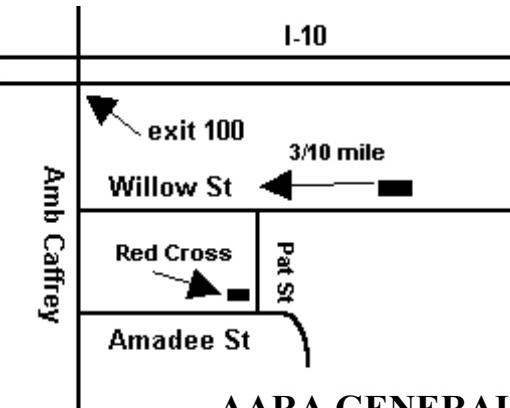
Photos by Herman KN5GRK - taken on Saturday morning and afternoon.

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Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

October 3rd, 2013 - 7:00 PM

VE TESTING TONIGHT - 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE

Seafood Gumbo

Recipe courtesy James Trahan for Food Network Magazine

- | | |
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| 1 cup all-purpose flour | 4 pounds medium shrimp, peeled and deveined |
| 1 cup vegetable oil | 1 pound crabmeat |
| 2 cups finely chopped onion | 1 bunch scallions, finely chopped |
| 2 green bell peppers, finely chopped | 1/2 bunch parsley, finely chopped |
| 1 blue crab | |
| 1 lobster tail | |
| cup Creole seasoning (preferably Tony Chachere's) | cooked white rice, for serving (optional) |

Directions:

Make the roux: Combine the flour and vegetable oil in a wide Dutch oven over medium-low heat and cook, whisking constantly, until dark brown, about 45 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside.

Bring 10 quarts water to a boil in an extra-large, wide pot. Stir in the onion, bell peppers and roux and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are very soft, about 45 minutes. Add the blue crab and lobster tail and boil until cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove the lobster tail and crab; discard the crab. Let the lobster cool slightly, then remove the meat from the shell and cut into small chunks; refrigerate until ready to use.

Add the Creole seasoning to the pot and bring to a boil; cook until the liquid reduces by one-quarter, about 1 hour, 30 minutes. Add the shrimp and cook over medium heat until firm, about 20 minutes. Add the crabmeat and reserved lobster meat and cook 10 minutes. Stir in the scallions and parsley and remove from the heat. Cover and let stand 30 minutes. Serve over rice.

Send your favorite recipes to:
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<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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